

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Kirkland** § Group Art Unit: **2173**  
Serial No.: **10/675,673** § Examiner: **Roswell, Michael**  
Filed: **September 30, 2003** § Attorney Docket No.: **AUS920030796US1**  
For: **Method and Apparatus for Increasing**  
**Personability of Instant Messaging with**  
**User Images** §

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Office Action of September 20, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.